

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A discharge lamp comprising:
a luminous bulb in which a luminous material is enclosed and a pair of electrodes are opposed to each other in the luminous bulb; and
a pair of sealing portions for sealing a pair of metal foils electrically connected to the pair of electrodes, respectively;
wherein the pair of metal foils have a pair of external leads on a side opposite to a side electrically connected to the pair of electrodes, respectively,
at least one of the pair of external leads is joined to a lead wire for external connection that is to be electrically connected to an external circuit by plastic flow of a caulking member by applying stress from the outside of the caulking member.
2. (original) The discharge lamp of claim 1, wherein the caulking member has a cylindrical shape.
3. (original) The discharge lamp of claim 1, wherein each of the pair of external leads is formed of molybdenum, and the caulking member is formed of a softer material than the molybdenum constituting the external leads.

4. (cancelled)

5. (currently amended) A discharge lamp comprising:

a luminous bulb in which a luminous material is enclosed and a pair of electrodes are opposed to each other in the luminous bulb; and

a pair of sealing portions for sealing a pair of metal foils electrically connected to the pair of electrodes, respectively;

wherein the pair of metal foils have a pair of external leads on a side opposite to a side electrically connected to the pair of electrodes, respectively, and

at least one of the external leads and a lead wire for external connection that is to be electrically connected to an external circuit are integrally formed from a continuous and common piece of material.

6. (original) A lamp unit comprising the discharge lamp of claim 1 or 5, and a reflecting mirror for reflecting light emitted from the discharge lamp.

7-23. (cancelled)

24. (new) The discharge lamp of claim 3, wherein the caulking member is formed of a material having excellent oxidation resistance properties.